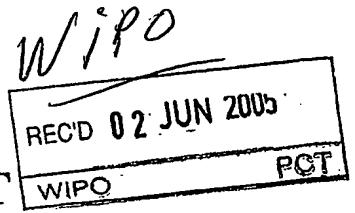


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Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention

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2. ☒ This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied with and chose not to invite the applicant to pay additional fees.
3. This Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is
 - ☐ complied with
 - ☒ not complied with for the following reasons :
 1. Claims 1-34
Relate to a door module assembly and method of assembly of the module comprising a carrier, a first trim panel connected to the carrier and a second trim panel connected to the first trim panel whereby the second trim panel moves to an installed position overlapping the carrier.
 2. Claim 35
Relates to a motor vehicle door comprising inner and outer sheet metal layers joined together wherein the inner layer has two relatively large holes and an intervening area, between the holes, having vertically oriented ribs used to fasten a door handle thereto.
4. Consequently, this opinion has been established in respect of the following parts of the international application :
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(I) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-35</u>	YES
	Claims <u>None</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>1-34</u>	YES
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Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-35</u>	YES
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2. Citations and explanations :

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US 6,510,657

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Claim 35 lacks an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over D1. D1 shows all the features of claim 35 with the exception of a door handle being fastened to a intervening surface. A person skilled in the art would recognize that the intervening area can be used to fasten any hardware to it because of its relative structural rigidity as exemplified by D1 and therefore does not involve an inventive step.

Claims 1-35 meet the criteria for Industrial Applicability set out in PCT Article 33(4) because the claimed invention can be made or deemed useful in industry.

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The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

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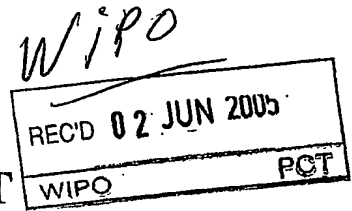
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